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"IT IS WITH HEARTFELT REGRET THAT I ANNOUNCE... THAT BEFORE THE DAY IS OUT, THE EARTH... WILL COME TO AN END."

THE VOICE I HEARD ON THE RADIO THAT DAY...

...ANNOUNCED THE ABRUPT END OF THE WORLD.

THE BLARE OF THE SIRENS, THE ENDLESS SCREAMS ...

THE WORLD IS TRULY COMING TO A CLOSE.

LION (WEE-OO) LION

IT'S...

IT'S TIME TO GIVE IT UP. EVERY-THING...

AND I AM ALL ALONE.

HEY, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

THERE'S STILL SOMETHING YOU NEED TO TELL HIM, RIGHT?

NO WAY...

IT'LL BE OKAY. TRUST ME.

THE VOICE...

IF YOU STAY THERE, YOU'RE TOAST.

HEY—

THE VOICE I HEARD THROUGH THE HEAD-PHONES WAS ONE I KNEW WELL.

ONCE YOU'VE CLIMBED THAT HILL, YOU'LL SEE WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, WHETHER YOU WANT TO OR NOT.

—YOU WANT TO SURVIVE, DON'T YOU?

...WAS NONE OTHER THAN MY OWN.

OH GREAT, I FELL ASLEEP...

AH!

ZUGAGA (CRASH)

GA

KYUIIIN (WHIRR)

GA

GA

GA

GA (BANG)

GATAN (CLATTER)

YEAH, YEAH, WE'RE WORKIN' ON IT!

GEEZ, GET IT TOGETHER, GUYS...

GH!

NH!

GYUIII (VRRRRN)

DON (BANG)

I KNOW, RIGHT?

AH

HA

HA

HA!

DON

...UNH...

IRA

IRA

IRA

IRA

IRA

RIGHT NOW, I, TAKANE ENOMO-TO...

...AM IN ONE SERI-OUSLY PISSED-OFF MOOD.

GEEZ, JUST SHUT UP ALREADY ...!

BUT THAT POINTLESS CHARADE'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.

AT LEAST LET ME TAKE A FRIKKIN' NAP IN PEACE...

THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL IS A WEEK AWAY.

THE HIGH SCHOOL I GO TO IS UTTERLY BRIMMING WITH ACTIVITY.

IT'S SO STUPID. IT'S BRAIN-LESS!

...AND WHAT'S LEFT AT THE END? A HUGE PILE OF GARBAGE.

THEY ALL GET WORKED UP ABOUT THIS STUPID FESTIVAL...

...AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN THEY ACT LIKE THEY'VE ALWAYS BEEN PALS.

THEY NORMALLY BICKER WITH EACH OTHER ALL THE TIME...

I'M IN A SPECIAL CLASS. THERE ARE ONLY TWO STUDENTS.

IT'S NOT LIKE WE COULD PUT UP A BOOTH OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

HUH?

HEY, TAKANE...

GARA (SLIDE)

UWAAH!! HARUKAAA!!?

OH, LISTEN TO THIS...

THERE WAS THIS CAT OUT BY THE FOUNTAIN, SO I WENT TO PET IT...

...BUT, LIKE, HE KINDA DODGED ME, YOU KNOW?

SO I ENDED UP LOSING MY BALANCE, AND—

THAT...!

THAT'S FINE!! I DON'T CARE WHY, OKAY!!? JUST PUT SOME CLOTHES ON!!

AW, COME ON...

BISHO (DRIP)

BISHO

THEY AREN'T EVEN DRY YET!

YOU SEE?

!!

ZUZUI (LOOM)

GARA (RATTLE)

BA (YANK)

AHH... AHH...

AAALL RIGHT! IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THEY'RE WET OR NOT! JUST PUT SOMETHING ON!

THIS IS SO EMBAR-RASSING FOR ME...!!

WHY'S HE ACTING SO CHILL ABOUT THIS!?

GABA (SHOVE)

AGH!

HEYOOO...

SEN-SEI!!

WHAT'RE YOU KIDS YELLING ABOUT...

...UHH.....

OH...

ZA (ZKSH)

BOTO (CLUNK)

...S-SO I WAS JUST TRYING TO HELP HIM GET DRESSED !!

HE WAS... HE WAS GOING AROUND SCHOOL WITH-OUT ANY CLOTHES ON...

WHY'RE YOU TRYING TO RUN AWAY FROM US!?

PITA (STOP)

AAAAAH !!

NO!! NO, SEN-SEI!!

SORRY IF I, UH... ... INTRUDED .....

CAN YOU AT LEAST HELP ME GET SOME CLOTHES ON THIS FREAK?

I'M GONNA CALL THE PRINCI-PAL!

PIKU (TWITCH)

IF SOMETHING FUNNY'S GOING ON, IT'S EASIEST IF YOU PRETEND YOU "HAD NO IDEA," RIGHT?

I JUST THOUGHT, YOU KNOW, YOU GUYS COULDN'T RESTRAIN YOURSELVES ANY LONGER OR SOME-THING...

HUH? OH. OHHH... OKAY, I GET IT...

YOU'RE TOTALLY AWFUL!!

HA HA HA HA !!!

ALL RIGHT, HARUKA, I'LL GO FIND YOU A DRY JERSEY OR SOMETHING IN A BIT.

JUST TAKE A SEAT FOR NOW, OKAY?

HAAH...

ERGH... THIS IS STILL ALL WET AND CLAMMY, SENSEI...

TEKIPAKI (SWIFT)

OKAY.

TEKIPAKI

THE MOMENT I INVOKE THE PRINCIPAL...

SO TODAY, UH...

WAIT, WHAT WAS I GONNA TELL YOU?

JUST SPIT IT OUT!

WE HAVE TO COME UP WITH A BOOTH FOR THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL SOON, OR ELSE.

WHAT'RE YOU GUYS GOING TO DO?

OH, THAT'S RIGHT!

PON (THMP)

UH...

YEAH, UH, ABOUT THAT...

LAST WEEK, THE PRINCIPAL ASKED ME WHAT KIND OF BOOTH MY CLASS WAS WORKING ON AND STUFF.

WHAAA!? YOU TOLD US, "WHO SAYS YOU HAVE TO DO ANYTHING?" THE LAST TIME WE ASKED, SENSEI!

DON'T SAY WE'LL "KNOCK HIS SOCKS OFF"!

WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO FOR IT NOW...?

WHA...?

WE HADN'T THOUGHT UP ANYTHING, OF COURSE...

...SO I SAID TO HIM, "OH, WE'RE WORKING ON A REAL SPECIAL SURPRISE THAT'S GONNA KNOCK YOUR SOCKS OFF!

"YOU BETTER WATCH OUT FOR US!"

GEEZ, HOW BADLY DO YOU WANT TO SUCK UP TO THAT GUY ANYWAY!!?

OH! HOW 'BOUT A SHOOTING GALLERY?

COME ON, DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH PREP THAT TAKES...?

WE'VE ONLY GOT ONE WEEEEK .....

GAKU (SLUMP)

I HONESTLY DON'T CARE ONE BIT ABOUT THIS TEACHER...

...BUT IF THIS "SPECIAL SURPRISE" WE'RE WORKING ON...

...GETS ADVERTISED IN THE SCHOOL FLYERS, WE'RE COMPLETELY SCREWED...!

ME AND THIS GUY, HARUKA KOKONOSE, THAT IS.

WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN KIND OF SEPARATE FROM THE REST OF THE PACK IN THIS SCHOOL.

I ALREADY HAVE NO FRIENDS THANKS TO MY SLEEP ISSUES AND GENERAL GRUMPI-NESS...

I DON'T WANT PEOPLE LOOKING AT ME EVEN WEIRDER THAN THEY ALREADY DO!!

WE'RE IN A SPECIAL CLASS BECAUSE BOTH OF US HAVE ILLNESSES.

WE'RE FREE TO USE THIS CLASSROOM ANY WAY WE WANT, MORE OR LESS...

...AND I'LL HELP YOU OUT ANY WAY I CAN TOO.

AAAAA

IF I'M HUMILIATED BY SOMETHING LIKE THIS, I'LL HAVE TO KILL MYSELF...!!

...N-NOW, NOW, LET'S JUST CALM DOWN.

YOU'RE NOT GONNA DIE OR ANY-THING.

THAT'S SO LAME. YOU CALL YOURSELF A TEACHER ...?

SO WON'T YOU JUST TRY TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING?

AH!

MAN, I HOPE WE CAN THINK OF SOMETHING THAT'D AT LEAST BE FUN...

CHIRA (GLANCE)

HOW MUCH CAN WE GET, HUH!?

EACH CLASS GETS A BUDGET FOR THEIR FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES, RIGHT, SENSEI?

SO WHAT ABOUT OUR BUDGET?

GIKU (TWITCH)

HUH? WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT—

OH NO, THAT'S NOT...

SENSEI'S HAD HIS EYE ON THAT FOR AGES...

MAN, THIS SPECIMEN IS SO NEAT...

BUT THEY'RE ASKING SO MUCH FOR IT...

WHAT'S THIS?

THAT'S AWFULLY STRANGE, ISN'T IT, SENSEI?

I THOUGHT YOU SAID THAT SPECIMEN WAS TOO EXPENSIVE FOR YOU TO BUY.

SEN-SEI...

IT'S HIS FAULT...

IT'S ALL THAT THING'S FAULT...!!

GAKU (SLUMP)

...DID YOU USE UP...

...OUR ENTIRE FES-TIVAL BUD-GET...?

IT...

I'M A VICTIM TOO! A VICTIM OF THAT SIREN-LIKE SPECIMEN...

CUT ME SOME SLACK...

WHAT A SAD, SAD GROWN-UP HE IS...

...THE SPECIMEN WENT ON SALE! 40% OFF! LIKE THEY'D PLANNED IT ALL ALONG!!!

BUT JUST AS I WAS TAKING ONE LAST, LONGING LOOK...AND JUST WHEN EACH CLASS GOT THEIR BUDGET...

I HAD GIVEN UP ON BUY-ING IT TOO...!

HOW COULD WE PULL THAT OFF ALL BY OUR-SELVES?

IT'D BE A HUGE HASSLE TO SET UP. AND WE'D NEED A TON OF PRIZES!

.....

PLUS, THANKS TO OUR ***DUMB TEACHER***, WE HAVE ZERO MONEY TO WORK WITH.

...I STILL LIKE THE SHOOTING GALLERY IDEA, BUT...

I MEAN, YOU KNOW...

LOOK, YOU...

SO, LIKE...

...WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO?

OH?

YOU SCOPED 'EM ALL OUT...?

I DUNNO... I THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA, IS ALL.

I LOOKED AROUND THE OTHER CLASSES...

...AND NONE OF THEM WERE WORKING ON A SHOOTING GALLERY.

WHEN WE WERE TOLD WE WOULDN'T BE DOING ANYTHING, YOU DIDN'T SPEAK UP, SO...

THAT'S A BIT SURPRISING.

YEAH, BUT...

WELL, YEAH, KIND OF...

.....

...YOU'RE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FESTIVAL?

...DOES THAT MEAN...

...I'M NOT EXACTLY HEALTHY, AND I KNEW IT'D CAUSE A BIG TO-DO IF I SUDDENLY COLLAPSED OR SOMETHING.

SO I THOUGHT, YOU KNOW... "OH WELL," RIGHT?

HARUKA'S ILLNESS...

SO BAD THAT EVEN ONE "ATTACK" OR WHATEVER COULD EASILY KILL HIM.

I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS...

...BUT IT'S SOMETHING REALLY SERIOUS, A LOT MORE SO THAN MINE'S EVER BEEN.

MAYBE I JUST HAVEN'T NOTICED IT.

MAYBE GOING TO SCHOOL TAKES A REALLY HEAVY TOLL ON HIM.

IT'S NEVER SEEMED REAL TO ME SOMEHOW, GIVEN HOW EASYGOING AND SIMPLE-MINDED HE IS.

.....HUH. YEAH, FAIR ENOUGH.

BUT YOU DO WANT TO DO SOMETHING, RIGHT?

BUT MAYBE...

WHY DOES HE BLUSH ONLY AT TIMES LIKE THESE...!!

!!

...YEAH.

I THINK SO, ANYWAY.

BUT, YOU KNOW, I DON'T WANNA DUMP A BUNCH OF WORK ON YOU EITHER, TAKANE...

IF YOU WANT TO TRY TO DO SOMETHING, DO IT! IF YOU SCREW IT UP, YOU CAN WORRY ABOUT IT THEN.

LOOK, HARU-KA...

...YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUT UP WITH OUR TOTAL FLAKE OF A TEACHER, OKAY?

YEAAAH, BUT...

I DUN-NO...

THIS IS JUST...

IRA (IRK)

GONYO (MUTTER)

GONYO

...I CAN'T DO ANY-THING ALL BY MYSELF...

IRA (IRK)
IRA
IRA
WATCHING HIM HEM AND HAW LIKE THIS ALL DAY...
IRA
IRA
IRA
GONYO (MUTTER)
GONYO
I DUNNO IF I'M EVEN ABLE TO DO IT, YOU KNOW?
PLUS, I'VE NEVER TRIED TO DO ANYTHING LIKE THIS...
BAN (SLAM)
UUUGH!!
STOP ACTING ALL WISHY-WASHY LIKE THAT!!
GATAN (CLATTER)

ALL RIGHT!?

YOU WANT TO RUN A SHOOTING GALLERY, RIGHT!?

WELL, GREAT! LET'S DO IT!

I'LL HELP YOU SET IT UP TOO!!

UH...

ALL RIGHT...

KI (GLARE)

GATA (SHIVER)

GATA

WHAA ...!?

NO OBJEC-TIONS, I TRUST!?

WE'LL HAVE TO GIVE OUT THAT SPECIMEN AS A PRIZE TOO.

SENSEI, IF YOU WOULD, PLEASE GO WITHDRAW SOME MONEY FOR US!

BISHI (JAB)

HA HA HA HA!

RIGHT! ROGER THAT! LET'S GO WITH IT!

WHATEVER YOU SAY GOES AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED!

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WAIT! WE... WE DON'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR!

DO YOU REALIZE HOW MUCH THAT COST—

...PRINCIPAL.

...WHICH IS GREAT AND ALL, I GUESS.

BUT WE STILL HAVE ONLY A WEEK LEFT.

CAN THE TWO OF US REALLY BUILD A WHOLE SHOOTING GALLERY?

HA HA HA HA!!!

BOY, THIS IS STARTING TO GET EXCITING, HUH!?

GASHI

GASHI (RUB)

BUT...

TAKANE...

WE'LL NEED PRIZES, TABLES, SOME POP GUNS...

U-UM...

NORMALLY, THERE'S NO WAY THIS CAN BE DONE.

BUT WE GOTTA DO IT!

...NO MATTER WHAT...

...WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN...!

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